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Dear Mark:

A Response was prepared and filed on December 11, 2002 in connection with the outstanding Office Action for the above-identified application. We are enclosing a copy of same for your file.

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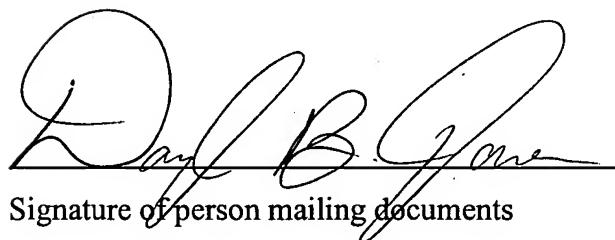
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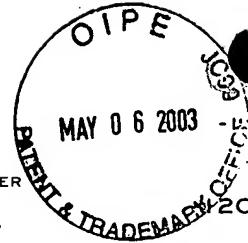
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Re: Patent Application of Johnston et al.
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Filed: December 7, 2001
CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE
DETECTION APPARATUS
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